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Hi All,

Please find OSA's Weekly Report attached to this email for your information. Have a great remainder of your week.

Best,

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## THIS WEEK HIGHLIGHTS

• On January 11, Jay Benforado and Deb Szaro (Acting RA for R1) participated in an update meeting for the OIG audit on EPA citizen science activities (announced on Oct 4th). The discussion clarified OIG progress to date on the scope and nature of the OIG review, including research next steps and preliminary observations. The OIG has conducted preliminary research, conducted a survey of EPA staff engaged in citizen science related work, and completed interviews with most ORD NPD's and LCO directors.

- On January 16, Jay Benforado, as co-chair of the Federal citizen science and crowdsourcing community of practice, participated in the half day GSA innovation workshop. The agenda focused on the GSA DigitalGov resources that are available (e.g., Digital Citizen Technology Office). Additionally, the innovation.gov website will launch this week with the theme of "better government through innovation."
- On January 16th, OSA hosted a conference call between EPA (ORD, OW, OCSPP, OLEM) and ATSDR scientists to discuss the ATSDR Draft Toxicological Profile on selected PFAS chemicals.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

On January 22, the Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board (ELAB) will hold a face-to-face meeting
in conjunction with the Forum on Environmental Accreditation at the Regency Hyatt in Albuquerque,
NM as they continue to discuss topics related to environmental methods, accreditation, proficiency
testing, and more.